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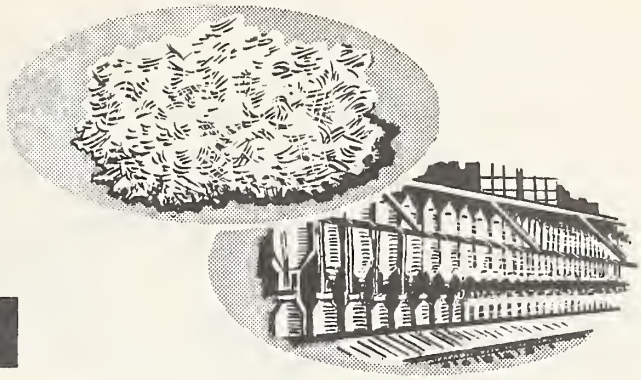

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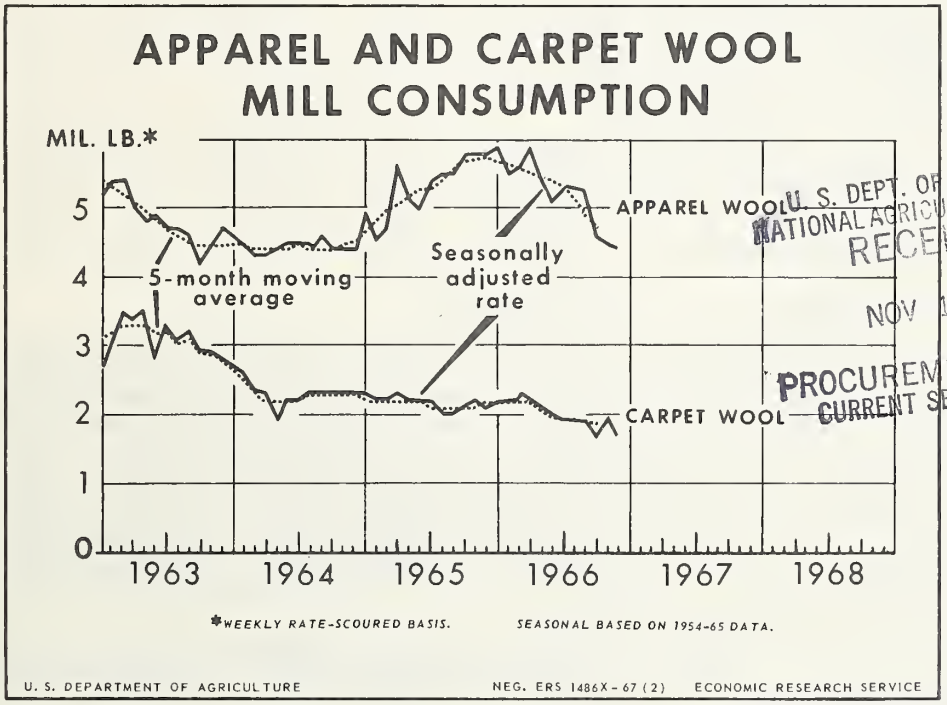

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Wool Situation at a Glance

Item	Unit	1965 Nov.	1965 Dec.	1966 Jan.	1966 Nov.	1966 Dec.	1967 Jan.
Average price received by farmers, grease basis	Ct. per lb.	46.0	46.8	47.1	47.7	46.9	45.6
Parity price 1/	Ct. per lb.	83.1	83.6	83.7	86.3	86.3	86.0
Farm price as a percentage of parity	Percent	55	56	56	55	54	53
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1910-14=100	258	263	265	268	263	256
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1957-59=100	108	108	108	109	107	104
Domestic prices, Boston, clean basis 2/							
Graded territory							
Fine, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	127.9	128.0	128.0	132.5	132.5	128.8
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	125.8	126.0	126.0	127.5	127.5	122.5
Graded fleece							
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	123.5	123.5	123.5	109.7	107.5	105.0
1/4 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	122.5	122.5	122.5	106.9	102.5	100.0
Original bag Texas, fine 12 months good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	128.5	129.0	129.0	132.5	132.5	130.0
Imported prices, Boston, clean, excluding duty 2/							
Australian, 64's 70's, good topmaking	Ct. per lb.	122.5	122.5	122.5	127.5	122.5	118.8
Australian, 64's combing	Ct. per lb.	117.5	117.5	117.5	122.5	117.5	113.8
Montevideo, 0's (58's, 60's)	Ct. per lb.	94.9	95.0	95.8	102.5	102.5	98.8
Montevideo, 2's (50's)	Ct. per lb.	88.5	88.5	88.5	92.5	92.5	88.8
Buenos Aires, 5's (40's)	Ct. per lb.	74.0	73.5	73.5	58.9	56.5	55.0
BLS Wholesale price index 3/							
All commodities	1957-59=100	103.5	104.1	104.6	105.9	105.9	---
Textile products and apparel	1957-59=100	101.9	102.0	101.9	102.1	101.9	---
Wool products	1957-59=100	105.4	105.4	105.9	105.1	104.9	---
Wool broadwoven fabrics	1957-59=100	106.0	105.9	106.0	106.5	106.6	---
Personal income payments (adjusted) 4/	Bil. dol.	553.2	558.2	560.2	598.5	601.5	---
Retail store sales (apparel group adjusted) 4/	Mil. dol.	1,384	1,340	1,417	1,445	---	---
Mill consumption, scoured basis 5/							
Average weekly rate (unadjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	5,267	5,123	5,838	4,018	3,796	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	2,321	2,025	2,243	1,936	1,560	---
Average weekly rate (seasonally adjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	5,813	5,795	5,867	4,445	4,294	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	2,169	2,125	2,188	1,804	1,640	---
Monthly aggregates 6/							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	21.1	25.6	23.4	16.1	19.0	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	9.3	10.1	9.0	7.7	7.8	---
Accumulated since January 1							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	249.1	274.7	23.4	247.7	266.7	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	102.2	112.3	9.0	95.8	103.6	---
Total apparel and carpet	Mil. lb.	351.3	387.0	32.4	343.5	370.3	---
Imports for consumption, clean content							
Monthly aggregates							
Dutiable wools	1,000 lb.	14,314	13,714	18,956	8,892	10,687	---
Duty-free wools	1,000 lb.	6,787	7,377	9,115	6,963	8,619	---
Accumulated since January 1							
Dutiable wools	Mil. lb.	149.0	162.7	19.0	151.9	162.5	---
Duty-free wools	Mil. lb.	101.5	108.9	9.1	106.0	114.6	---
Total dutiable and duty-free	Mil. lb.	250.5	271.6	28.1	257.9	277.2	---
Man-made staple and tow prices							
Acrilan 3 denier 7/	Ct. per lb.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Dacron, 3 denier, type 54 7/	Ct. per lb.	84.0	84.0	84.0	72.0	72.0	72.0
Orlon, 3 denier, 7/	Ct. per lb.	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
Viscose, 1 1/2 denier 8/	Ct. per lb.	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	---	---

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market. 3/ United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 4/ United States Department of Commerce (seasonally adjusted annual rates). 5/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products. 6/ 4 or 5 weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter. 7/ From Modern Textile Magazine. 8/ From Textile Organon.

THE WOOL SITUATION

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SUMMARY

World wool consumption leveled off during April-September 1966, after staging a year-long recovery that put total wool use in major manufacturing countries near record high levels. By the third quarter declines in consumption were underway in several countries. World wool supplies for 1966-67 are about the same as a year ago; lower stocks about offset the anticipated rise in production.

World wool prices in January 1967 averaged 8 percent below a year earlier and only slightly above the most recent low set in mid-1965. After dropping sharply since mid-1966, wool prices firmed in late January and early February 1967. World prices in the coming months of 1967 are expected to move slightly higher.

Despite recent strengthening, U.S. wool prices in 1967 probably will average lower this year than in 1966. This reflects increased competition from lower prices of man-made fibers, and a lower level of world wool prices. Mill use of wool in the United States may increase from the current low weekly rate, but is not expected to result in substantially higher prices. With 4 percent fewer sheep and lambs, U.S. wool production will decline further in 1967.

U.S. mill consumption of apparel wool in 1967 is not likely to show much change from the 267 million pounds used in 1966. The impact of lower wool prices likely will be offset by lower man-made fiber prices, a lower level of unfilled orders for finished wool apparel fabrics, and somewhat slower expansion in general economic activity than occurred in 1966. Seasonally adjusted mill use of apparel wool fell about 20 percent between the first and last few months of 1966. From December 1965 to December 1966, unfilled orders for finished wool apparel fabrics declined about 42 percent. Wool use on the worsted system in 1966 declined 2 percent compared with a year earlier, while wool use on the woolen system was down 5 percent. Raw wool's share of total apparel fiber use in woolen and worsted operations in 1966 rose slightly to 53 percent; man-made fibers' share rose; while that of reused, reprocessed and other wool declined.

The decline in U.S. wool mill activity during the last half of 1966 was associated with a similar decline in the amount of semi-processed and manufactured apparel wool products being imported. However, for the year imports of these products, raw wool equivalent,

totaled 84 million pounds--up less than 1 percent from 1965.

Dutiable raw wool imports in 1966 totaled 163 million pounds--about the same as a year earlier. During 1967, imports are not expected to show much change as domestic production and consumption are not expected to be substantially different from 1966. More of the wools grading 40's to 46's were imported in 1966, reflecting a smaller proportion coming from Australia.

U.S. mill consumption of carpet wool in 1966 amounted to 104 million pounds--down 8 percent compared with a year earlier. This record-low level likely will prevail again in 1967. Raw wool's share of total fiber use in carpets and rugs declined further in 1966 as the use of man-made fibers increased.

Imports of duty-free raw wool in 1966 totaled 115 million pounds--up 5 percent from a year earlier. In 1967, imports may decline slightly to more nearly equal consumption. New Zealand and Argentina continued to be the largest sources of U.S. supplies, accounting for 45 and 29 percent, respectively. Imports of rugs and carpets declined in 1966, totaling 15 million pounds, raw wool equivalent.

Increased 1966 mohair production and a slight decline in domestic consumption combined to offset a rise in exports leaving mohair stocks at the high level of a year earlier. During 1967, stocks likely will continue as an important factor in keeping mohair prices at a relatively low level. Prices of mohair declined further during 1966. Price support payments will be made on 1966 marketings. This will be the second consecutive year that payments were made and the third time since the National Wool Act became effective.

THE DOMESTIC SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

DOMESTIC WOOL PRICES IN 1967

U.S. wool prices are expected to strengthen slightly in coming months. Although prices may move higher, they likely will continue below year earlier levels. U.S. mill consumption of apparel wool may increase from the current low weekly rate, however, the lower level of world wool prices this year will likely limit increases in domestic prices. In addition, man-made fibers became more competitive in late 1966 with the sharp reduction in prices of polyester fibers.

The average price received by growers for shorn wool in 1967 likely will be down slightly from a year earlier. Preliminary data indicate that growers received about 4 cents a pound more for their shorn wool in 1966 than the 1965 average price of 47.1 cents, grease basis. (See table 1.) The final 1966 average price will be announced by USDA on March 21, 1967.

Prices of domestic graded territory and fleece shorn wools at Boston increased during the first half of 1966, but declined during the latter months. January 1967 prices of wools grading 64's and finer were 1 percent higher, compared with a year earlier. Prices of the 62's and coarser wools ranged from 3 to 21 percent lower. (See Statistical Summary, Part I - Prices.) As a result, price differentials

Table 1.--Average price per pound, grease basis, received by farmers for shorn wool, U.S., by months, 1963-67

Month	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Jan.	45.5	50.3	45.0	47.1	45.6
Feb.	47.5	52.5	45.9	47.7	
Mar.	51.1	54.9	46.3	49.5	
Apr.	49.4	54.6	46.9	52.5	
May	48.7	53.8	47.3	54.0	
June	49.9	54.7	48.8	53.3	
July	49.0	52.4	47.3	52.2	
Aug.	46.2	51.0	46.8	51.5	
Sept.	45.5	50.0	45.9	49.9	
Oct.	46.6	51.2	45.6	48.5	
Nov.	47.2	49.3	46.0	47.7	
Dec.	48.1	47.3	46.8	46.9	
Weighted season average 2/	48.5	53.2	47.1		

1/ Preliminary.
2/ 9-month period beginning April 1 for 1963, calendar year for 1964 and thereafter.

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among grades of wool widened substantially during 1966. For example, during January 1966 the price difference between territory fine and 3/8 blood wools was 2 1/2 cents a pound, clean basis. By January 1967, it had increased to about 21 1/2 cents a pound.

U.S. WOOL PRODUCTION AND SHEEP NUMBERS

U.S. wool production will continue to decline in 1967. The total number of stock sheep and lambs decreased 4 percent during the last year. On January 1, 1967, the estimated inventory was 20.7 million head--down from the previous record low of 21.5 million head on January 1, 1966. (See table 2.)

Stock sheep numbers on January 1, 1967, in the 35 Native or fleece-wool States totaled 5.4 million head--down 6 percent from a year earlier. In the 11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota, stock sheep numbers declined 3 percent to 15.2 million head.

The value of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches on January 1, 1967, was $408 million--3 percent less than a year earlier. The average value was $19.80 per head, compared with $19.70 a year earlier.

APPAREL WOOL MILL USE DOWN SLIGHTLY IN 1966

Although 1966 wool prices averaged moderately higher, mill use of apparel wool was off only 3 percent from a year earlier. Increased military orders and a high level of domestic demand during 1966 offset in part the influence of higher prices. The effect of slightly lower prices in 1967 on consumption will be moderated by continuing competition with man-made fibers. Mill use of apparel wool in 1967 may change little from the 267 million pounds, scoured basis, used in 1966. (See table 3.)

The weekly rate (seasonally adjusted) of apparel wool use declined sharply during

Table 2.--Number of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches, by class, United States, January 1, 1956 to date

Year	Lambs		One year and over			Total stock sheep
	Ewes	Rams and wethers	Ewes	Rams	Wethers	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Average						
1956-60	4,186	663	21,549	875	200	27,472
1961-65	3,362	774	19,941	814	202	25,092
1956	3,819	687	21,323	851	210	26,890
1957	3,709	634	20,976	840	189	26,348
1958	4,289	625	21,208	864	181	27,167
1959	4,549	647	21,832	893	187	28,108
1960	4,562	721	22,406	927	233	28,849
1961 1/ 2/	4,079	887	22,199	918	237	28,320
1962	3,520	855	21,252	868	224	26,719
1963	3,319	762	20,028	808	205	25,122
1964	3,089	714	18,723	754	175	23,455
1965	2,801	650	17,502	722	168	21,843
1966	3,010	760	16,850	675	161	21,456
1967 3/	2,950	684	16,223	643	158	20,658

1/ Estimates for Alaska included in totals beginning with 1961. 2/ Series revised. 3/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 3.--U.S. mill consumption of raw wool, scoured basis, 1956-1966

Year	Apparel wool	Carpet wool	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Average 1956-60	252,177	145,219	397,396
1956	296,699	144,059	440,758
1957	240,850	127,911	368,761
1958	212,012	119,075	331,087
1959	264,930	170,404	435,334
1960	246,393	164,648	411,041
1961	263,072	149,057	412,129
1962	280,247	148,853	429,100
1963	251,344	160,399	411,743
1964	233,932	122,737	356,669
1965 1/	274,696	112,330	387,026
1966 1/	266,681	103,631	370,312

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

1966. In the early months of 1966, the rate varied between 5.5 and 5.9 million pounds. By December, the seasonally adjusted rate had declined to 4.3 million pounds. (See table 10 and cover chart.)

The trend toward relatively more wool use on the worsted system than on the woolen system continued for the seventh consecutive year. During 1966, the worsted system's share of total apparel wool use was 64 percent, compared with 63 percent in 1965. This reflects the generally stronger demand for the finer, longer staple wools than for the lower grade wools. Total raw wool use in 1966 on the worsted system declined 2 percent; use on the woolen system was down 5 percent. (See table. 11.) In total, use of the various grades of wool in 1966 was about the same as in 1965. (See table 4.)

Wool top production in 1966 totaled 155 million pounds--down 2 percent. Raw wool's share of total fiber consumption on the worsted system in 1966 was 91 percent, compared with 88 percent a year earlier.

Total fiber use on the woolen system, for yarns except carpet and rug, in 1966 was 313 million pounds--4 percent below a year earlier. Raw wool's share remained stable at 31 percent. Use of man-made fibers rose slightly to 28 percent of the total. Other fibers declined to about 41 percent of the total in 1966. (See table 11.)

Per capita mill use of raw apparel wool in 1966 was 1.36 pounds--down slightly from 1.41 pounds in 1965. However, this was about the same as the 1960-64 average of 1.37 pounds.

CARPET WOOL MILL USE DOWN

Mill use of carpet wool in 1966 amounted to about 104 million pounds, scoured basis--down 8 percent from a year earlier. (See table 3 and cover chart.) This was a record low for the last decade and reflects the increased competition from man-made fibers. Per capita mill use of carpet wool in 1966 declined to .53 pound from .58 pound in 1965. In the last half of 1966 the seasonally adjusted rates of carpet wool use declined to record

Table 4.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool consumption, by system and grades, 1962 to date

Year	60's and finer	50's up to 60's	48's and coarser	Total
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	Woolen system			
1962	46.6	44.7	8.7	100.0
1963	44.2	47.7	8.1	100.0
1964	42.0	48.3	9.7	100.0
1965	40.7	51.7	7.6	100.0
1966	35.9	56.4	7.7	100.0
	Worsted system			
1962	60.4	35.8	3.8	100.0
1963	53.7	40.6	5.7	100.0
1964	52.6	40.4	7.0	100.0
1965	59.3	1/	1/	100.0
1966	60.6	39.4		100.0
	Total			
1962	55.0	39.3	5.7	100.0
1963	49.8	43.5	6.7	100.0
1964	48.4	43.6	8.0	100.0
1965	52.4	1/	1/	100.0
1966	51.7	48.3		100.0

1/ Not available.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

low levels. Mill use of carpet wool in 1967 likely will show little change from the current low level.

Total fiber use in 1966 to spin carpet and rug yarns on the woolen system was 243 million pounds. This was 5 percent less than in 1965. Use of man-made fibers declined 3 percent to 124 million pounds in 1966. Raw wool's share of total fiber use in 1966 was 43 percent; man-made fiber's share, 51 percent. (See table 11.)

INVENTORIES AND UNFILLED ORDERS OF WOOL APPAREL FABRIC

Inventories of finished wool apparel fabrics at the weaving mill level at the end of December 1966 totaled 20 million linear yards--about the same as in December 1965. Unfilled orders for finished apparel wool fabrics dropped sharply in 1966. At the end of December, unfilled orders totaled 68 million linear yards, or 42 percent less than in December 1965. As orders declined, the ratio of inventories to unfilled orders rose several points during 1966 and was associated with the decreasing rate of raw wool consumption. (See tables 5 and 12.)

Table 5.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Ratio of inventories to unfilled orders, by months, 1962 to date

Month	Inventories as a percentage of unfilled orders				
	1962 1/	1963 1/	1964	1965	1966
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Jan.	27	36	35	21	17
Feb.	27	38	37	21	19
Mar.	29	40	39	22	20
Apr.	29	45	36	22	25
May	28	47	35	21	23
June	26	48	33	19	23
July	27	46	29	21	24
Aug.	29	55	39	19	24
Sept.	27	50	27	18	27
Oct.	31	50	22	17	26
Nov.	30	32	21	20	29
Dec.	32	32	20	17	30

1/ Excluding data for wool-blend fabrics (chiefly polyester).
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Inventories of worsted fabrics at the end of December 1966 totaled 5 million linear yards--up 19 percent from a year earlier. Unfilled orders during the same period had declined 34 percent. At the end of December 1966 they totaled 27 million linear yards (See table 12.)

Woolen fabric inventories declined 12 percent between December 1965 and December 1966, totaling 11 million linear yards. Unfilled orders in December 1966 for woolen fabrics totaled 26 million linear yards--a decline of 47 percent compared with a year earlier. (See table 12.)

Inventories of polyester-wool fabrics at the end of December 1966 amounted to 4 million linear yards--up 21 percent from a year earlier. Unfilled orders declined 46 percent during the 12 months and totaled 15 million linear yards at the end of 1966.

WOOLEN AND WORSTED FABRIC PRODUCTION

U.S. production of finished woolen and worsted fabrics in the first 3 quarters of 1966 amounted to 210 million linear yards--up 2 percent, compared with January-September 1965. However, this was still 12 percent less than the most recent high of 240 million linear yards in the first 9 months of 1962. Output of apparel fabrics in 1966 was unchanged from 1965; that of nonapparel fabrics was larger. (See tables 6 and 13.)

Production of men's and boys' wear fabrics in the first 3 quarters totaled 70 million linear yards--down 6 percent compared with a year earlier. The amount of women's and children's wear fabrics produced in the first 3 quarters of 1966 rose 1 percent and totaled 122 million linear yards. Output of government-ordered fabrics rose 71 percent in 1966. Production of these fabrics totaled 7.3 million linear yards. Output of woven felts in the first 9 months of 1966 totaled 9.7 million pounds--up 70 percent from the same period of 1965. (See table 13.)

Gray wool apparel fabric output during the 12 months of 1966 totaled an estimated 254 million linear yards--down 3 percent from a year earlier. Production of worsted gray fabrics in 1966 declined 2 percent compared with a year earlier. That of woolen fabrics was down about 3 percent.

Output of man-made fiber fabrics increased 9 percent during the first 3 quarters of 1966, compared with a year earlier. Output of cotton broadwoven goods during the first half of 1966 was down 4 percent, compared with a year earlier. (See table 6.)

PRODUCTION OF SPUN YARN FOR SALE

Production of spun wool yarn for sale during the first 11 months of 1966 totaled 106 million pounds--down about 4 percent from a year earlier. Knitting yarns for sale--accounting for most yarns used by the knitting trades--declined 5 percent from a year earlier to 65 million pounds. This represented the first decline in the production of knitting yarns for sale since 1960. Production of weaving yarns for sale in the first 11 months of 1966 totaled about 5 million pounds--9 percent below a year earlier. Output of sales yarn for carpets and rugs amounted to 36 million pounds--down about 2 percent from a year earlier.

Table 6.--Production of woolen and worsted fabric and cotton and man-made fiber broadwoven goods, U.S., annual 1961-65, by quarters, 1964 to date

Year and quarter	Woolen and worsted	Cotton 1/	Man-made 1/	
			Rayon and acetate	Non-cellulosic
	Million linear yards	Million linear yards	Million linear yards	Million linear yards
1961	286.9	9,168.4	1,465.4	908.1
1962	309.9	9,248.5	1,587.9	1,130.8
1963	284.4	8,759.3	1,714.1	1,287.6
1964	255.2	8,966.1	3,515.5	
1965 2/	267.3	9,237.8	3,899.2	
1964				
Jan.-Mar.	67.4	2,231.6	846.6	
Apr.-June	70.5	2,256.0	864.6	
July-Sept.	61.8	2,151.1	860.5	
Oct.-Dec.	55.5	2,327.4	943.9	
1965 2/				
Jan.-Mar.	65.9	2,364.2	965.8	
Apr.-June	73.4	2,374.0	974.0	
July-Sept.	66.8	2,189.5	954.5	
Oct.-Dec.	61.2	2,310.1	1,004.9	
1966 2/				
Jan.-Mar.	74.5	2,294.7	1,098.8	
Apr.-June	74.2	2,271.0	1,085.0	
July-Sept.	61.7	---	967.0	

1/ Excluding tire fabric. 2/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

During the first 11 months of 1966, production of worsted wool yarns for sale amounted to about 57 million pounds--down 2 percent from a year earlier. This decline was found in both knitting and weaving yarns. Production of woolen apparel yarns for sale totaled 13 million pounds--a decrease of 15 percent from a year earlier. Woolen sales yarn for knitting totaled over 12 million pounds in 1966--down 16 percent compared with a year earlier. Woolen sales yarn for weaving in 1966 was slightly larger than in 1965.

DUTIABLE RAW WOOL IMPORTS STABLE

U.S. imports of dutiable raw wool in 1967 likely will total about the same as the 163 million pounds, clean content, imported in 1966. Domestic production and mill consumption in 1967 are not expected to change substantially from 1966. Imports during 1966 were about the same as in 1965 resulting from only slight decreases in domestic production and mill consumption. (See table 7.)

Table 7.--Imports of dutiable and duty-free wool for consumption into the United States, clean content, 1956 to date

Year	Dutiable	Duty-free	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Average 1956-60	84,780	146,436	231,216
1956	103,828	143,053	246,881
1957	78,207	120,996	199,203
1958	67,081	122,587	189,668
1959	100,517	191,642	292,159
1960	74,266	153,904	228,170
1961	90,318	157,335	247,653
1962	125,780	143,460	269,240
1963	109,196	167,962	277,158
1964	98,415	113,932	212,347
1965	162,637	108,943	271,580
1966 1/	162,536	114,625	277,161

1/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

The 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere supplied 94 percent of U.S. imports of dutiable raw wool in 1966. Australia's share declined slightly to 40 percent in 1966, compared with 44 percent a year earlier. Between 12 and 15 percent of U.S. imports were supplied by each of the other countries--New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, and Uruguay.

Wools grading 46's and coarser accounted for a larger share of 1966 imports at the expense of the finer grades. This was likely a result of the small shift in supply sources noted above. (See table 8.)

Table 8.--Quality composition of dutiable and duty-free imports, 1963 to date

Grade	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	Dutiable			
56's and finer	72.5	69.0	73.3	72.4
46's to 56's	12.7	11.6	15.0	13.0
40's to 46's	4.6	5.7	3.9	5.9
Not finer than 40's	10.0	13.7	7.8	8.7
Total	2/100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Duty-free			
44's to 46's	21.4	13.7	12.6	13.3
40's to 44's	16.0	17.1	23.1	33.5
Not finer than 40's	38.0	41.5	43.2	35.1
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	24.6	27.7	21.1	18.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Includes small amount of carbonized wool for which grade is not reported.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

DUTY-FREE RAW WOOL IMPORTS UP SLIGHTLY

Imports of duty-free raw wool increased 5 percent in 1966 compared with a year earlier. During 1967, imports likely will decline to levels more nearly equal to consumption. (See table 7.)

New Zealand continued as the largest supplier of U.S. duty-free raw wool imports, with 45 percent of the total--down slightly from a year earlier. Argentina accounted for 29 percent--up slightly from a year earlier.

Substantial shifts were recorded in the quality composition of 1966 duty-free raw wool imports. Those grading 40's to 46's increased, while the proportion of coarser graded and named unimproved wools declined. (See table 8.)

U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS

U.S. imports in 1966 of all semiprocessed and manufactured wool textile products totaled about 143 million pounds, raw wool equivalent--down 8 percent from 1965. Exports of wool textile products amounted to nearly 13 million pounds--down about 19 percent from a year earlier. As a result, the import balance (excess of imports over exports) of U.S. foreign trade in these products totaled 130 million pounds in 1966--7 percent less than the 140 million pounds in 1965. (See tables 14 and 15.)

Apparel product imports in 1966 rose less than 1 percent from a year earlier and totaled about 84 million pounds, raw wool equivalent. Imports of tops and advanced wool increased 28 percent, and yarns, 15 percent. These increases were nearly offset by declines of 3 percent in woven fabrics, 7 percent in apparel, and 5 percent in other manufactures. Imports of noils totaled 28 million pounds--down 19 percent from a year earlier. Imports of waste products amounted to 16 million pounds--down 7 percent. Carpet and rug imports declined 28 percent to 15 million pounds.

THE MOHAIR SITUATION

Mohair production in the United States during 1967 will likely decline slightly as a result of 4 percent fewer goats and kids on Texas farms and ranches. On January 1, 1967, there were 4.1 million head of goats in Texas (accounting for most of the U.S. total).

The inventory value of goats in Texas on January 1, 1967, was $21 million, down 28 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head in 1967 declined 24 percent to $5.20.

Mohair stocks at the beginning of 1967 are estimated to total about the same as a year earlier. As a result, large stocks--accumulated during 1964 and 1965--will continue to have a depressing effect on mohair prices. Larger total disappearance of mohair in 1966 was about offset by increased production. Exports of mohair in 1966 (excluding similar specialty fibers) totaled 10 million pounds, clean content--up 29 percent from a year earlier. While 1966 mohair exports were substantially above those for 1964 and 1965, they were still well below those of each of the years 1958 to 1963. U.S. mill consumption of mohair in 1966 is estimated to total slightly less than in 1965.

Prices received in 1966 by Texas mohair producers declined sharply from 61 cents a pound, grease basis, in mid-March to 48 cents in mid-December. The national-average price received by growers for mohair in 1966 was substantially below the 1965 average of 65.5 cents a pound and below the 1966 support price of 75.8 cents a pound. The average price for 1966 will be announced by USDA on March 21, 1967.

A referendum among mohair producers was held during February 6-17th to determine whether or not they approve an agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Mohair Council of America, Inc. Results will be announced in late February. The proposed agreement is similar to those which have provided for the advertising and sales promotion of lamb and wool since 1955. The proposed agreement, authorized by the National Wool Act, provides for the Secretary to deduct up to 1 1/2 cents a pound from producers' payments on mohair marketed during 1966-69.

THE WORLD WOOL SITUATION

WORLD WOOL PRICES RISE AFTER SHARP DECLINE

World wool prices declined sharply--about 12 percent--from mid--1966 to January 1967. However, prices in late January and early February moved higher--signaling the firmness expected in prices during the next few months. The average price of all Dominion combing wools, 46's-70's, in January 1967 was 8 percent below a year earlier, and was about equal to the most recent low set in mid-1965.

Price increases that occurred during late 1965 and early 1966 were associated with short world wool supplies relative to increasing consumption. In late 1966, declining prices were probably a result of the leveling off in world wool use. The stronger tendency in current prices is likely a result of more purchasing among buyers to cover future requirements. Wool supplies in late 1966 and early 1967 are expected to show little change from a year earlier as lower stocks offset most of the expected increase in production. (See table 16.)

Price differentials among grades of British Dominion wools shifted slightly during the last year. January 1967 prices of wools grading 60's and finer averaged 7 cents, clean basis, below a year earlier; 56's-58's were down about 9 cents; and 46's-50's were nearly 8 cents lower. (See table 16.)

WORLD WOOL PRODUCTION UP

World wool production in 1966/67 is estimated to increase slightly from the 5.8 billion pounds, grease basis, of a year earlier. Included in these estimates are the 1966 clips of the Northern Hemisphere countries and the 1966/67 clips of the Southern Hemisphere countries. (See table 17.)

Among the 5 major surplus-producing countries, increases ranging from 2 to 5 percent are expected in Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, and New Zealand. Production in South Africa likely will decline about 6 percent. Increases of 2 to 3 percent are estimated for Eastern and Western Europe, the Soviet Union, and

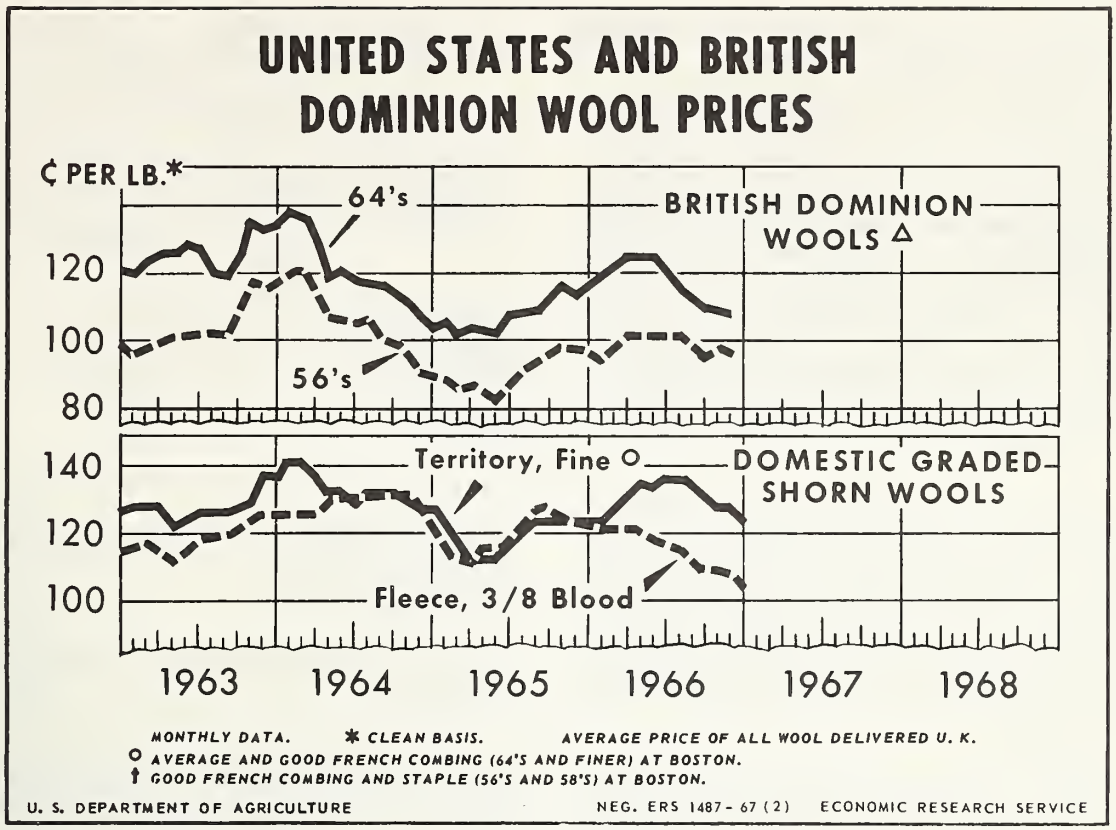

Figure 1

Asia. North America's production continued to decline. (See table 17.)

WORLD WOOL CONSUMPTION UP FROM 1965

World consumption of raw wool in 1966 is estimated to total between 3.3 and 3.4 billion pounds, clean content. This is up from the 3.2 billion pounds used in 1964 and 1965, but is about equal to the 3.3 billion pounds used in 1960-63. During the first 3 quarters of 1966, raw wool use in major manufacturing countries was up 10 percent compared with a year earlier. (See table 18.)

Raw wool's share of total fibers consumed in the wool textile industries ranged between 53 and 54 percent during the first 3 quarters of 1966. This was up slightly from the 52 percent of 1964, and the 53 percent of 1965. Man-made fiber's share rose from 20 percent in 1964 to a range of 21 to 22 percent in 1965-66. Corresponding declines were recorded in the use of non-virgin wool and other fibers.

The daily rate of wool consumption leveled off during the second and third quarters of 1966. Declines of 3 to 5 percent occurred in the United States, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Italy, and Japan. These were offset by increases of 3, 15, and 20 percent, respectively, in the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

Comparisons between the third quarters of 1966 and 1965 reflect the high level of wool consumption. The 8 country total for July-September 1966 was over 5 percent above a year earlier. The United States and the United Kingdom registered decreases of 4 to 5 percent. Increases ranged from nearly 4 percent in Belgium to 23 percent in Italy. (See table 18.)

OUTPUT OF WOOL TEXTILES UP: BUT RATE SLOWED IN 3rd QUARTER

Production of wool textiles in major manufacturing countries during early 1966 was running well above year earlier rates. However, textile activity leveled between the

second and third quarters of 1966 due in part to rising wool prices.(See table 19.)

Wool and hair top production in the first 9 months of 1966 was up 12 percent in major manufacturing countries, compared with a year earlier. Increases in output of the largest manufacturing countries ranged from 5 percent in the United States to 49 percent in Italy. Top production in France and Japan rose 16 to 17 percent, respectively. Output in the United Kingdom and Belgium declined 4 percent. Between the second and third quarters, large increases in the daily rate of output in Belgium and France were offset by smaller declines in other countries.

Worsted yarn production during January-September 1966 rose 14 percent in major manufacturing countries compared with a year earlier. Increases ranged from 6 percent in the Netherlands to 28 percent in Italy. Output in the United Kingdom was stable. Small changes of mixed directions in the daily rate of output between the second and third quarters of 1966 were offsetting.

Output of woolen yarns during the first 9 months of 1966 rose 2 percent, compared with a year earlier. Production rose 11 and 12 percent, respectively, in Belgium and Italy. A sharp decline of 13 percent occurred in West Germany. Overall, there was a slight decline in the daily rate of output between the second and third quarters of 1966.

Woven wool fabric production in January-September 1966 rose 7 percent, compared with a year earlier. Increases ranged from 2 percent in Japan to 34 percent in Italy. Output in the United Kingdom declined 5 percent. Production on a daily rate basis increased slightly between the second and third quarters of 1966.

RAW WOOL EXPORTS DOWN 9 PERCENT

The 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere exported 598 million pounds of wool, actual weight, thus far during the 1966/67 season. This was 9 percent less than a year earlier and reflects the softening demand for wool in consuming countries. Exports from New Zealand in July-October 1966 increased 18 percent, compared with a year earlier. However, this increase was more than offset by declines in Australia and the Republic of South Africa. Exports from Argentina and Uruguay also declined during the early months of the current season. (See table 9.)

Table 9.--Exports of wool, actual weight, from Southern Hemisphere surplus-producing countries, 1964-65, 1965-66, and 1966-67 seasons through November 1/

Exporting country	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Australia 2/	382	413	360
New Zealand 2/	96	112	132
Republic of South Africa	74	90	82
Argentina	21	27	20
Uruguay	8	16	4

1/ Season beginning July 1 in Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of South Africa, and beginning October 1, in Argentina and Uruguay.
2/ July-October.

Compiled from reports of Commonwealth Economic Committee.

WORLD TRADE IN WOOL PRODUCTS UP A TENTH IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1966

Increased fiber consumption and larger output of wool textile products in 1966 was associated with an expanded level of wool textile trade. During January-September 1966, trade in wool tops, yarns and fabrics increased about a tenth, compared with a year earlier. Trade during third quarter 1966, however, declined from the previous quarter to a level about the same as a year earlier. (See table 20.)

Exports of wool and hair tops from 10 reporting countries during the first 3 quarters of 1966 increased an estimated 9 percent compared with a year earlier. During this period, exports from the United Kingdom declined 1 percent while those from France increased 8 percent. Exports from other countries were substantially larger in 1966. Exports from the 10 countries declined during the third quarter of 1966 and totaled about 2 percent less than a year earlier.

Imports of wool and hair tops in the 16 reporting countries during January-September 1966 were up 14 percent, compared with a year earlier. All recorded increases except Sweden. Imports during the third quarter of

1966 declined from the previous quarter, but were still slightly above a year earlier.

Woolen and worsted yarn exports from 9 countries rose 10 percent during January-September 1966, compared with a year earlier. Although third quarter exports were less than the second quarter of 1966, they were 7 percent above a year earlier.

Imports of woolen and worsted yarns during the first 9 months of 1966 were up 7 percent, compared with a year earlier. West Germany imported 3 percent less, while the Netherlands imported 20 percent more. Data from the 12 countries reporting showed total third quarter imports declined from levels of the previous quarter and a year earlier.

Exports of worsted and woolen fabric during the first 3 quarters of 1966 rose a tenth, compared with a year earlier. Exports from Italy--the largest exporter--increased 19 percent. Those from Japan and the United Kingdom declined 7 and 8 percent, respectively. Third quarter 1966 exports were up from the previous quarter, but about equal to a year earlier.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part I - Prices

Item	1965 Nov.	1965 Dec.	1966 Jan.	1966 Feb.	1966 Oct.	1966 Nov.	1966 Dec.	1967 Jan.	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Percent
Boston, clean basis									
Domestic									
Graded territory shorn wool									
Fine good French combing and staple	127.9	128.0	128.0	129.1	136.0	132.5	132.5	128.8	101
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	125.8	126.0	126.0	126.4	130.0	127.5	127.5	122.5	97
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.0	117.3	112.5	107.2	85
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	124.5	124.5	124.5	124.5	120.0	113.5	107.5	103.8	83
Low 1/4 blood	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5	106.0	102.5	100.0	95.0	79
Common and braid	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	101.0	97.5	95.0	90.0	84
Graded fleece shorn wool									
Delaine	127.5	127.5	127.5	128.8	136.0	132.5	132.5	129.4	101
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	124.5	124.5	124.5	124.5	126.5	122.5	122.5	120.0	96
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	123.5	123.5	123.5	122.9	109.8	109.7	107.5	105.0	85
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	122.5	122.5	122.5	120.9	107.5	106.9	102.5	100.0	82
Low 1/4 blood	118.5	118.5	118.5	118.5	104.8	102.5	97.5	92.5	78
Common and braid	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	100.0	97.5	92.5	87.5	81
Orginial bag Texas shorn wool									
Fine 12 months good French combing and staple	128.5	129.0	129.0	129.9	135.0	132.5	132.5	130.0	101
Fine 8 months (1 in. and over)	114.5	114.5	114.5	115.2	110.2	107.5	107.5	107.5	94
Fine fall (3/4 in. and over)	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	98.8	92.5	95.6	91.9	85
Scoured pulled wool									
70's, 2 in. and longer	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	130.5	130.5	128.1	97
64's, 70's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0	132.5	127.5	127.5	125.0	99
60's, 64's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	130.5	112.5	112.5	111.2	91
60's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	121.5	106.5	106.5	106.0	88
58's, 60's, 2 in. and longer	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	104.5	104.5	104.0	89
56's, 58's, 2 in. and longer	116.0	116.0	115.6	115.5	115.5	102.5	102.5	100.0	87
56's, 2 in. and longer	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	113.0	99.5	99.5	99.0	86
50's, 56's, 2 in. and longer	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	107.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	86
44's, 50's, 4 in. and longer	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	105.5	94.5	94.5	94.5	86
36's, 44's, 4 in. and longer	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	102.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	88

Compiled from Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part II - Mill Consumption and Imports

Item	Unit	1965 Sept.	1965 Oct.	1965 Nov.	1965 Dec.	1966 Sept.	1966 Oct.	1966 Nov.	1966 Dec.	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
Mill consumption, scoured basis 1/										
Average weekly rate during month 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	1,000									
60's and finer	pounds	2,796	3,017	2,965	2,802	2,113	2,251	2,042	2,125	76
50's up to 60's	do.	5/	2,409	2,303	2,321	2,405	2,168	1,976	1,671	72
48's and coarser	do.	5/	235							
Total apparel wool	do.	5,424	5,661	5,267	5,123	4,518	4,419	4,018	3,796	74
Carpet wool 4/	do.	2,190	2,342	2,321	2,025	1,894	2,145	1,936	1,560	77
Total apparel and carpet		7,614	8,003	7,588	7,148	6,412	6,564	5,954	5,356	75
Monthly aggregates 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	Million									
60's and finer	pounds	14.0	12.1	11.9	14.0	10.6	9.0	8.2	10.6	76
50's up to 60's	do.	5/	9.6	9.2	11.6	12.0	8.7	7.9	8.4	72
48's and coarser	do.	5/	.9							
Total apparel wool	do.	27.1	22.6	21.1	25.6	22.6	17.7	16.1	19.0	74
Carpet wool 4/	do.	10.9	9.4	9.3	10.1	9.5	8.6	7.7	7.8	77
Total apparel and carpet	do.	38.0	32.0	30.4	35.7	32.1	26.3	23.8	26.8	75
Accumulated since January 1	do.									
Apparel wool 3/										
By grade										
60's and finer	do.	106.1	118.1	130.0	144.0	109.9	119.0	127.1	137.7	96
50's up to 60's	do.	5/	5/	5/	5/	104.0	112.7	120.6	128.8	---
48's and coarser	do.	5/	5/	5/	5/					
By system										
Woolen	do.	77.5	85.3	92.6	101.6	76.7	83.1	89.2	96.3	95
Worsted	do.	128.0	142.9	156.6	173.1	137.2	148.5	158.5	170.4	98
Total apparel wool	do.	205.5	228.2	249.2	274.7	213.9	231.6	247.7	266.7	97
Carpet wool 4/	do.	83.6	92.9	102.2	112.3	79.5	88.1	95.8	103.6	92
Total apparel and carpet	do.	289.1	321.1	351.4	387.0	293.4	319.7	343.5	370.3	96
Imports for consumption										
clean content										
Monthly aggregates										
	1,000									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	11,291	7,906	11,453	10,832	6,305	7,605	5,781	8,517	79
46's to 56's	do.	2,309	2,044	1,388	1,801	1,369	974	970	969	54
44's to 46's	do.	91	88	99	76	142	113	126	81	107
40's to 44's	do.	588	774	431	558	656	239	499	267	48
Not finer than 40's	do.	1,177	835	921	351	656	697	1,287	840	239
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	97	54	22	96	295	82	230	13	14
Total dutiable wool	do.	15,553	11,702	14,314	13,714	9,423	9,711	8,892	10,687	78
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	968	1,971	1,077	820	1,511	358	1,450	1,835	224
40's-44's	do.	1,649	2,741	1,505	1,768	3,352	1,657	1,701	2,532	143
Not finer than 40's	do.	4,905	4,981	2,553	2,735	2,535	1,562	2,574	3,330	122
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	2,814	2,355	1,652	2,054	1,920	1,427	1,238	922	45
Total duty-free	do.	10,336	12,048	6,787	7,377	9,318	5,004	6,963	8,619	117
Total free and dutiable	do.	25,889	23,750	21,101	21,091	18,741	14,714	15,855	19,306	92
Accumulated since January 1	Million									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	89.0	96.9	108.4	119.2	95.8	103.4	109.2	117.7	99
46's to 56's	do.	19.2	21.3	22.7	24.5	18.3	19.2	20.2	21.2	87
44's to 46's	do.	.4	.5	.6	.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	343
40's to 44's	do.	3.9	4.7	5.1	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.9	7.2	126
Not finer than 40's	do.	9.4	10.2	11.2	11.5	9.4	10.1	11.4	12.2	106
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	164
Total dutiable wool	do.	123.0	134.7	149.0	162.7	133.2	143.0	151.9	162.5	100
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	9.8	11.8	12.9	13.7	11.6	11.9	13.4	15.2	111
40's-44's	do.	19.2	21.9	23.4	25.2	32.5	34.2	35.9	38.4	152
Not finer than 40's	do.	36.7	41.7	44.3	47.0	32.7	34.3	36.9	40.2	86
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	16.9	19.2	20.9	22.9	17.2	18.6	19.9	20.8	91
Total duty-free wool	do.	82.6	94.7	101.5	108.9	94.0	99.0	106.0	114.6	105
Total free and dutiable	do.	205.6	229.4	250.5	271.6	227.3	242.0	257.9	277.2	102

1/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products.
2/ Monthly periods are 4 or 5 calendar weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter.
3/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign wool.
4/ Duty-free foreign wool.
5/ Not disclosed.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 10.--Average weekly rate of consumption of apparel and carpet wool on woolen and worsted systems, scoured basis, United States, by months, unadjusted and adjusted for seasonal variation, 1962 to date

Month	1962		1963		1964		1965		1966	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
	Apparel wool									
January	5,154	5,243	5,120	5,187	4,563	4,604	4,855	4,884	5,838	5,867
February	5,649	5,458	5,671	5,437	4,726	4,505	4,870	4,620	5,822	5,508
March	5,909	5,759	5,565	5,382	4,443	4,272	4,947	4,748	5,865	5,623
April	5,600	5,463	5,070	5,005	4,281	4,255	5,623	5,617	5,844	5,850
May	5,914	5,371	5,310	4,840	4,836	4,428	5,523	5,076	5,745	5,285
June	5,798	5,309	5,352	4,883	4,976	4,540	5,461	4,978	5,614	5,113
July	4,651	5,072	4,215	4,657	4,026	4,473	4,883	5,431	4,725	5,262
August	5,584	5,258	5,012	4,733	4,628	4,378	5,798	5,491	5,519	5,226
September	5,348	5,429	4,539	4,589	4,549	4,590	5,424	5,457	4,518	4,536
October	5,296	5,398	4,148	4,237	4,332	4,425	5,661	5,782	4,419	4,514
November	5,097	5,564	4,021	4,399	3,977	4,365	5,267	5,813	4,018	4,445
December	4,886	5,584	4,175	4,728	3,874	4,372	5,123	5,795	3,796	4,294
	Carpet wool									
January	2,829	2,659	2,838	2,721	2,753	2,670	2,316	2,255	2,243	2,188
February	2,870	2,718	3,363	3,243	2,679	2,621	2,220	2,179	2,287	2,249
March	2,819	2,825	3,531	3,542	2,367	2,372	2,207	2,209	2,260	2,260
April	2,436	2,488	3,306	3,412	2,230	2,313	2,172	2,253	2,116	2,195
May	2,895	2,954	3,428	3,470	1,872	1,885	2,187	2,202	2,119	2,134
June	2,905	3,114	2,652	2,789	2,159	2,244	2,160	2,238	1,910	1,975
July	2,034	2,779	2,417	3,316	1,576	2,159	1,635	2,243	1,448	1,989
August	3,338	3,010	3,373	3,058	2,551	2,340	2,164	1,994	2,083	1,923
September	3,267	3,062	3,396	3,150	2,474	2,286	2,190	2,018	1,894	1,742
October	3,271	2,974	3,194	2,880	2,577	2,320	2,342	2,116	2,145	1,939
November	3,140	3,034	3,001	2,850	2,453	2,305	2,321	2,169	1,936	1,804
December	2,766	2,840	2,662	2,767	2,166	2,263	2,025	2,125	1,560	1,640

Table 11.--Fibers consumed and percentage distribution of wool and other fibers used in woolen spinning and worsted combing, United States, 1962 to date

Fiber and year	Production of top		Worsted system 1/		Woolen system: For yarns, except carpet and rug		Woolen system: For carpet and rug yarns		Total fibers consumed	
	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep										
1962	151,851	91.6	170,312	91.6	109,935	32.5	148,853	69.5	429,100	58.1
1963	134,596	86.5	149,578	86.3	101,766	31.7	160,399	67.3	411,743	56.2
1964	129,018	84.5	141,743	84.4	92,189	30.5	122,737	49.7	356,669	49.8
1965	157,888	87.7	173,088	87.6	101,608	31.1	112,330	43.7	387,026	49.6
1966 7/	155,258	91.3	170,418	91.3	96,263	30.8	103,631	42.6	370,312	49.9
Reused, reprocessed, and other wool 2/										
1962	3/	---	3/	---	142,362	42.0	4/ 18,852	8.8	169,646	23.0
1963	3/	---	3/	---	139,546	43.5	4/ 17,018	7.1	173,356	23.7
1964	3/	---	3/	---	126,512	41.9	4/ 15,770	6.4	159,489	22.2
1965	3/	---	3/	---	132,545	40.6	4/ 15,749	6.1	164,007	21.0
1966 7/	3/	---	3/	---	122,081	39.0	4/ 13,274	5.5	146,360	19.7
Man-made fibers 5/										
1962	4,266	2.6	4,577	2.5	74,384	22.0	44,984	21.0	123,945	16.8
1963	3,435	2.2	3,710	2.1	72,064	22.4	59,931	25.1	135,705	18.5
1964	5,294	3.5	5,516	3.3	26,735	25.4	106,944	43.3	189,195	26.4
1965	---	---	5,566	2.8	84,738	26.0	127,814	49.7	218,118	27.9
1966 7/	3,511	2.1	---	---	87,194	27.9	124,401	51.2	215,238	29.0
Other fibers 6/										
1962	3/	---	3/	---	11,885	3.5	3/	---	16,097	2.1
1963	3/	---	3/	---	7,627	2.4	3/	---	11,892	1.6
1964	3/	---	3/	---	6,686	2.2	3/	---	11,593	1.6
1965	3/	---	3/	---	7,412	2.3	3/	---	11,839	1.5
1966 7/	3/	---	3/	---	7,201	2.3	3/	---	10,694	1.4
Total fibers consumed										
1962	165,801	100.0	185,916	100.0	338,566	100.0	214,306	100.0	738,788	100.0
1963	155,603	100.0	173,265	100.0	321,003	100.0	238,428	100.0	732,696	100.0
1964	152,595	100.0	168,023	100.0	302,122	100.0	246,801	100.0	716,946	100.0
1965	180,106	100.0	197,681	100.0	326,303	100.0	257,006	100.0	780,990	100.0
1966 7/	169,980	100.0	186,668	100.0	312,739	100.0	243,184	100.0	742,604	100.0

1/ Consumption on the worsted system is taken as the sum of top and noil combed. 2/ Includes mohair, alpaca, vicuna, and other specialty fibers as well as tops and noils consumed in woolen spinning and mohair consumed in worsted combing. 3/ Not reported to avoid disclosure of individual company information. 4/ Does not include other wool. 5/ Does not include man-made fiber converted from tow without combing. 6/ Includes cotton, jute, and other vegetable fibers and animal fibers, other than raw wool and mohair, consumed in worsted combing. 7/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of Census.

Table 12.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Inventories and unfilled orders at the weaving mill level, by months, January 1964 to date

Year and month	Woolens		Worsteds		Wool blends (chiefly polyester)		Total	
	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders
	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.
1964								
Jan.	20.6	46.4	6.4	27.5	3.3	11.9	30.4	85.8
Feb.	24.1	50.3	6.2	27.3	2.6	10.7	33.0	88.3
Mar.	25.7	48.8	6.3	26.2	2.9	14.0	34.9	89.0
Apr.	25.0	48.9	5.7	25.1	2.4	18.2	33.1	92.2
May	23.8	46.4	5.5	22.8	2.7	21.9	32.0	91.1
June	20.8	42.3	5.0	21.4	3.0	24.6	28.8	82.3
July	18.4	36.3	4.6	19.2	3.5	24.6	23.0	80.1
Aug.	16.5	32.8	3.7	20.3	3.4	23.0	21.0	53.8
Sept.	14.5	28.0	3.6	26.4	3.2	24.1	21.3	78.5
Oct.	11.7	25.3	3.5	29.3	3.2	29.5	18.4	84.1
Nov.	11.5	32.4	3.8	31.8	3.0	24.6	18.3	88.8
Dec.	12.4	39.1	4.1	34.9	3.1	22.2	19.6	96.1
1965								
Jan.	15.7	44.0	4.5	34.1	2.4	28.2	22.7	106.4
Feb.	17.6	51.9	5.0	32.9	2.2	33.5	24.7	118.3
Mar.	19.6	58.5	4.6	30.1	2.0	28.4	26.2	117.0
Apr.	18.7	60.1	4.7	25.9	2.4	29.6	25.3	115.5
May	17.3	55.4	4.5	29.9	2.9	34.6	24.7	119.9
June	15.7	51.7	4.2	30.6	3.3	37.6	23.3	119.9
July	14.5	42.7	3.8	30.2	3.6	33.2	21.9	106.1
Aug.	13.2	40.6	3.3	35.3	3.9	33.6	20.4	109.5
Sept.	11.8	38.7	3.4	35.6	3.9	29.4	19.1	103.8
Oct.	10.6	36.1	3.1	40.8	3.9	24.5	17.6	101.5
Nov.	11.8	42.3	3.7	42.5	8.7	33.6	24.2	118.4
Dec.	12.6	49.9	4.2	40.9	3.3	26.8	20.2	117.6
1966								
Jan.	13.3	53.9	5.0	39.2	2.8	30.9	21.1	124.0
Feb.	14.2	56.2	6.4	36.8	2.9	31.0	23.5	124.0
Mar.	17.8	59.2	6.4	32.9	3.3	32.8	25.5	124.9
Apr.	17.9	54.7	6.1	25.1	3.6	29.5	27.7	109.4
May	16.4	53.2	5.7	26.2	3.9	32.1	25.9	111.4
June	13.6	46.7	5.2	23.4	4.4	32.4	23.1	102.5
July	12.3	39.3	4.8	23.0	4.8	30.3	21.8	92.7
Aug.	11.7	34.1	4.2	24.1	4.8	27.5	20.7	85.7
Sept.	11.4	26.2	3.9	25.4	5.2	24.7	20.4	76.3
Oct.	9.0	22.5	3.4	24.7	5.1	20.0	17.5	67.2
Nov.	10.3	24.7	4.5	26.4	4.4	14.7	19.2	65.8
Dec. 1/	11.2	26.4	5.0	27.2	4.0	14.6	20.2	68.2

1/ Estimated.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 13.--Production of woolen and worsted woven goods, by type of fabric, United States, annual 1964-65, by quarters, April-June 1965 to date 1/

Fabric	1964	1965	1965			1966		
			Apr.-June	July Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.
	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards
Woolen and worsted woven fabrics (except felt)	255,194	267,343	73,397	66,826	61,216	74,500	74,168	61,685
Apparel fabrics	247,322	257,933	71,474	65,105	57,795	70,520	70,857	58,569
Government orders	2,465	5,354	1,362	1,072	1,097	1,701	2,690	2,903
Other than Government orders	244,857	252,579	70,112	64,033	56,698	68,167	68,819	55,666
Men's and boys' clothing	81,501	95,153	27,000	22,723	20,608	27,395	25,229	17,722
Less than 9 oz.	6,693	9,121	2,136	2,287	2,653	2,950	2,555	3,395
Worsted	5,875	8,214	1,876	2,081	2,404	2,815	2,376	3,149
Woolen	818	907	260	206	249	135	179	246
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	58,491	68,244	20,015	16,156	13,905	19,738	18,160	11,563
Worsted	36,741	42,518	12,424	9,608	8,200	13,882	11,780	6,193
Woolen	21,750	25,726	7,591	6,548	5,705	5,856	6,380	5,370
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	6,044	6,260	1,772	1,405	1,280	1,829	1,440	760
Worsted	2,813	3,384	972	968	630	773	758	446
Woolen	3,231	2,876	800	437	650	1,056	682	314
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	4,443	5,016	1,432	1,193	1,113	1,311	1,656	1,133
Worsted	1,157	1,707	471	328	520	440	390	167
Woolen	3,286	3,309	961	865	593	871	1,266	966
20 oz. up to 26 oz.	5,311	5,919	1,504	1,556	1,513	1,452	1,333	822
26 oz. and over	519	593	141	126	144	115	2/	2/
Women's and children's clothing	163,356	157,426	43,112	41,310	36,090	41,424	42,938	37,957
Less than 9 oz.	15,940	10,924	3,275	2,904	2,305	2,033	3,357	3,102
Worsted	5,560	3,073	1,005	1,082	484	524	1,095	1,210
Woolen	10,380	7,851	2,270	1,822	1,821	1,509	2,262	1,892
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	89,863	88,833	24,578	23,283	20,452	24,829	24,039	20,770
Worsted	5,754	4,111	1,120	1,328	995	880	907	689
Woolen	84,109	84,722	23,458	21,955	19,457	23,949	23,132	20,081
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	15,714	14,053	2,682	3,268	4,038	3,362	2,784	3,095
Worsted	753	786	191	262	261	199	414	599
Woolen	14,961	13,267	2,491	3,006	3,777	3,163	2,370	2,496
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	21,651	21,435	5,812	5,245	4,719	5,587	5,589	4,553
Worsted	820	1,606	586	403	402	347	455	447
Woolen	20,831	19,829	5,226	4,842	4,317	5,240	5,134	4,106
20 oz. and over	20,188	22,181	6,765	6,610	4,576	5,613	7,199	6,558
Nonapparel fabric	7,872	9,410	1,923	1,721	3,421	3,980	3,311	3,116
Blanketing	5,247	6,820	1,306	1,026	2,783	3,178	2,149	2,113
Other	2,625	2,590	617	695	638	802	1,162	1,003
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Woven felts	7,918	7,821	2,041	1,819	2,124	3,124	3,331	3,228
Papermakers	6,312	5,969	1,546	1,404	1,580	2,578	2,734	2,687
All others	1,606	1,705	495	415	397	546	597	541

1/ Fabrics wholly or chiefly by weight of wool, reused wool, reprocessed wool or other animal fibers. Blanketing in 72 inch width or equivalent, other fabrics in 54 to 60 inch width or equivalent 54 inch width.

2/ Less than 100 thousand.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 14.--Raw wool content of United States imports for consumption of wool manufactures, annual 1962-66 and by months, January 1965 to date 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Woven fabrics 2/	Wool blankets 3/	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit 4/	Other manufactures 5/	Sub-total	Noils	Wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1962	5,717	9,162	22,108	337	12,629	10,161	5,297	65,411	36,569	14,111	29,546	145,637
1963	6,457	9,992	22,266	420	17,966	10,073	5,364	72,538	41,729	16,263	22,019	152,549
1964	3,079	8,217	19,804	535	20,282	8,139	1,201	61,261	38,075	14,420	27,395	141,147
1965	8,088	11,257	25,702	744	27,617	7,826	1,752	82,986	34,291	17,402	21,437	156,116
1966 8/	10,363	12,970	24,834	747	25,787	7,232	1,668	83,601	27,647	16,229	15,381	142,858
1965												
Jan.	298	369	787	17	911	279	24	2,685	1,469	395	1,414	5,963
Feb.	331	763	1,768	27	832	188	76	3,985	2,795	984	1,856	9,620
Mar.	677	882	2,952	30	925	176	210	5,852	3,887	1,816	2,443	13,998
Apr.	543	891	3,014	33	1,405	313	163	6,362	3,295	1,618	2,308	13,583
May	755	880	2,355	78	2,062	202	205	6,537	3,199	1,399	1,737	12,872
June	606	952	2,583	70	3,088	605	151	8,055	3,645	1,439	1,765	14,904
July	504	838	1,878	81	3,317	979	141	7,738	2,510	1,282	1,152	12,682
Aug.	750	1,052	2,007	107	3,474	1,106	90	8,586	2,794	1,504	1,589	14,473
Sept.	1,046	1,224	2,018	96	3,074	1,431	162	9,051	3,362	2,242	2,183	16,838
Oct.	689	1,333	2,183	95	3,543	1,225	154	9,222	2,794	1,777	1,663	15,456
Nov.	927	898	2,002	44	2,790	764	205	7,630	2,512	1,440	1,605	13,187
Dec.	961	1,175	2,155	66	2,195	559	172	7,283	2,028	1,505	1,723	12,539
1966 8/												
Jan.	1,274	998	1,928	69	1,272	321	179	6,041	3,039	1,651	1,282	12,013
Feb.	1,090	846	2,166	40	999	189	136	5,466	2,731	1,639	1,079	10,915
Mar.	979	1,104	3,184	33	1,123	213	101	6,737	3,197	1,908	1,478	13,320
Apr.	773	1,461	2,914	39	1,301	226	154	6,868	2,224	1,694	1,930	12,716
May	800	1,758	2,440	93	1,869	241	191	7,392	2,227	1,627	1,398	12,644
June	1,238	1,189	1,863	86	2,975	535	255	8,141	2,380	1,173	1,115	12,809
July	825	1,195	1,934	80	3,012	997	197	8,240	2,301	1,111	1,150	12,802
Aug.	723	1,319	2,452	84	3,382	1,432	128	9,520	2,250	1,466	1,563	14,799
Sept.	809	1,273	1,780	72	3,219	1,270	129	8,552	2,595	986	1,449	13,582
Oct.	616	663	1,425	57	2,934	941	80	6,716	1,703	1,081	1,065	10,565
Nov.	378	565	1,520	50	2,232	601	62	5,408	1,688	1,053	1,021	9,170
Dec.	858	599	1,228	44	1,469	266	56	4,520	1,312	840	851	7,523

See footnotes end of table 15.

Table 15.--Raw wool content of United States exports of domestic wool manufactures, annual 1962-66 and by months, January 1965 to date 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Fabrics woven and knit	Wool blankets	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit	Other manufactures 7/	Felts	Sub-total	Noils and wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1962	291	221	654	173	126	273	442	170	2,350	1,444	575	4,369
1963	873	229	701	89	145	266	580	198	3,081	2,038	470	5,589
1964	370	228	748	239	201	390	893	276	3,345	3,281	372	6,998
1965	433	185	804	213	349	512	2,132	1,534	6,162	8,876	614	15,652
1966 8/	458	272	586	182	348	600	1,979	1,279	5,704	6,399	588	12,691
1965												
Jan.	31	8	52	5	11	16	41	53	217	265	22	504
Feb.	30	4	96	7	29	25	109	76	376	716	19	1,111
Mar.	18	24	78	14	21	57	162	261	635	1,989	76	2,700
Apr.	40	14	44	13	12	28	205	124	480	2,426	59	2,965
May	47	5	59	6	19	30	175	68	409	692	48	1,149
June	37	4	92	14	19	36	176	151	529	398	65	992
July	28	14	75	35	24	37	176	117	506	280	32	818
Aug.	58	23	47	39	44	56	204	174	645	426	49	1,120
Sept.	33	12	66	16	43	60	307	83	620	479	25	1,124
Oct.	30	9	53	22	42	57	180	71	464	345	85	894
Nov.	24	34	84	20	42	61	264	175	704	446	85	1,235
Dec.	57	32	57	23	44	47	132	182	574	414	48	1,036
1966 8/												
Jan.	21	21	36	12	14	52	132	178	466	301	46	813
Feb.	19	7	56	7	20	62	152	82	405	458	54	917
Mar.	43	45	92	10	25	43	135	219	612	922	43	1,577
Apr.	61	24	50	13	44	45	178	89	504	805	44	1,353
May	11	13	45	11	14	57	148	79	378	843	22	1,243
June	60	14	63	12	26	44	172	48	439	628	47	1,114
July	63	13	44	9	22	45	252	70	518	710	42	1,270
Aug.	15	19	51	26	33	21	126	70	361	407	29	797
Sept.	32	46	51	24	35	55	128	86	457	190	53	700
Oct.	73	24	39	26	42	77	205	191	677	395	49	1,121
Nov.	22	31	34	21	42	50	168	64	432	356	48	836
Dec.	38	15	25	11	31	49	183	103	455	384	111	950

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca, and other wool-like specialty hair. 2/ Includes pile fabrics and manufactures, tapestry and upholstery goods, press and billiard cloths. 3/ Includes carriage and automobile robes, streamer rugs, etc. 4/ Includes laces, lace articles, veils and veilings, nets and nettings, when reported in pounds. 5/ Includes knit fabrics in the piece and miscellaneous manufactures not elsewhere specified. 6/ Not including rags. Beginning January 1965, export data includes substantial quantities of non-wool animal hair. 7/ Census Bureau's Schedule B classification designated manufactures, n.e.c. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 16.--Price per pound of British Dominion wool, (Bradford grade), by months, January 1964 to date

Year and month	Combing							
	70's	64's	60's	58's	56's	50's	48's	46's
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1964								
January	141.1	134.1	128.3	123.6	117.8	107.3	102.6	100.3
February	145.7	138.7	132.9	128.2	120.0	109.5	103.7	100.2
March	144.6	137.6	131.7	127.0	118.9	108.4	101.4	99.1
April	135.3	129.5	123.6	120.1	114.3	105.0	100.3	98.0
May	127.1	119.0	114.3	112.0	107.3	96.8	94.5	92.1
June	129.2	121.1	116.4	114.1	105.9	95.5	93.1	90.8
July	125.5	117.4	113.9	111.6	105.8	95.3	93.0	90.7
August	124.2	117.3	112.6	110.3	106.8	97.5	94.0	92.9
September	122.9	116.0	112.5	110.2	100.9	91.6	88.1	88.1
October	120.6	113.7	109.0	106.7	99.7	89.3	87.0	85.8
November	119.5	112.6	107.9	104.4	96.3	85.9	84.7	83.5
December	115.1	107.0	102.3	96.5	91.9	80.2	76.7	75.6
1965								
January	114.0	104.7	100.0	93.0	90.7	80.3	75.6	74.4
February	115.3	106.0	100.2	92.0	88.5	80.4	75.7	74.5
March	111.7	102.4	95.4	88.4	86.1	76.8	73.3	71.0
April	113.0	103.7	96.7	89.7	87.4	81.6	78.1	75.7
May	113.0	103.7	96.7	90.9	85.1	81.6	78.1	75.8
June	110.5	102.4	96.6	93.1	83.8	79.1	75.6	73.8
July	114.0	107.0	102.3	98.8	87.2	84.9	81.4	79.1
August	112.8	107.0	102.3	98.8	91.9	87.2	82.6	80.2
September	114.2	108.4	103.7	100.2	93.2	83.9	81.6	79.2
October	121.5	113.3	108.6	103.9	94.6	86.4	82.9	81.8
November	123.8	115.7	111.0	107.5	97.0	86.4	82.9	81.8
December	122.6	113.3	108.6	105.1	96.9	82.9	79.4	77.1
1966								
January	125.0	114.5	109.8	106.3	95.8	82.9	77.1	74.8
February	127.3	116.8	110.9	103.9	94.6	82.9	77.1	73.6
March	130.4	121.1	115.3	108.3	97.8	86.2	78.0	74.5
April	123.7	123.4	117.6	110.6	101.3	87.3	76.8	73.3
May	131.5	123.3	117.5	109.4	102.4	87.3	76.8	72.1
June	130.2	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.1
July	130.1	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.0
August	127.8	120.8	116.2	109.2	102.3	83.7	74.4	70.9
September	124.4	117.4	112.7	106.9	98.8	80.2	73.2	69.7
October	121.0	112.8	107.0	101.2	95.4	79.1	73.3	69.8
November	118.6	110.5	105.8	98.9	96.5	77.9	72.1	69.8
December	117.4	109.3	104.6	97.7	95.3	75.6	70.9	68.6
1967								
January	117.5	108.2	102.3	95.4	89.5	74.4	69.8	67.4

Compiled from reports of New Zealand Wool Commission.

Table 17.--Production of wool, grease basis, in specified countries and world, average 1956-60, annual 1963-66 1/

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1963	1964	1965	1966 2/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
North America					
United States 3/	308.8	287.1	264.6	253.2	250.0
Total North America 4/	327.1	310.0	285.6	272.9	269.7
Europe					
United Kingdom	116.3	130.6	126.7	127.3	128.0
France	62.9	61.7	53.0	56.0	60.0
Spain	72.6	81.3	80.7	79.8	84.4
Italy	30.4	29.4	29.3	29.1	29.2
Total West Europe 4/	384.8	410.0	397.1	398.6	407.2
Bulgaria	38.6	52.3	56.0	55.2	56.0
Hungary	15.7	20.9	23.2	22.5	22.3
Poland	20.5	16.1	16.3	15.9	16.3
Rumania	44.5	49.8	54.7	55.6	58.2
Yugoslavia	31.3	27.8	26.9	27.8	28.7
Total East Europe 4/	175.6	195.0	203.5	204.0	208.5
Total Europe 4/	560.4	605.0	600.6	602.6	615.7
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	698.8	813.5	751.8	800.3	826.7
Asia					
Iran	41.9	41.9	39.7	40.8	41.9
Iraq	24.7	25.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	91.2	92.6	94.8	94.8	99.2
Syria	18.2	18.7	26.5	29.1	33.1
India	73.8	75.0	78.0	77.2	80.0
Japan	7.5	3.2	2.2	1.7	1.6
Pakistan	32.5	32.5	32.5	30.0	30.0
Total Asia 4/ 5/	508.4	510.0	530.2	536.4	549.3
South America					
Argentina	448.1	421.0	443.1	429 9	440.0
Brazil	60.4	58.5	70.2	81.1	79.4
Chile	48.7	53.8	55.6	56.2	56.9
Peru	20.9	24.2	24.3	22.0	22.0
Uruguay	180.2	194.0	189.6	185.2	189.6
Total South America 4/	778.2	775.0	803.8	795.6	809.1
Africa					
Algeria	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Morocco	34.9	34.0	34.0	30.9	35.0
Republic of South Africa 6/	313.9	322.9	315.0	362.5	342.0
Total Africa 4/	395.0	405.0	397.6	442.0	425.6
Oceania					
Australia	1,578.8	1,781.7	1,783.7	1,660.0	1,712.2
New Zealand	538.3	616.8	623.3	694.8	730.0
Total Oceania	2,117.1	2,400.0	2,407.0	2,354.8	2,442.2
Total World 4/	5,385.0	5,820.0	5,776.6	5,804.6	5,938.3

1/ For summary purposes wool produced mostly in the spring in the Northern Hemisphere is combined with that produced in the season beginning July 1 or October 1 of the same year in the Southern Hemisphere. Pulled wool is included for most countries at its greasy equivalent. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Converted "pulled wool" to greasy basis at 1.7. 4/ Includes estimates for other producing countries. 5/ Includes Mainland China. 6/ Includes Botswana and South West Africa.

Compiled from reports of the Foreign Agricultural Service.

Table 18.--Estimated consumption of wool in selected wool manufacturing countries, clean content, annual 1963-65, by quarters, April-June 1965 to date

Country	Year			1965			1966			Percentage change	
	1963	1964	1965	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct. Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	July-Sept. 1966 to Apr.-June 1966	July-Sept. 1966 to July-Sept. 1965
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Pct.	Pct.
United States 1/	411.7	356.7	386.9	100.1	96.0	98.1	105.4	100.9	92.1	- 8.7	- 4.1
United Kingdom	457.9	418.3	402.6	102.4	92.2	104.6	104.9	102.1	87.9	-13.9	- 4.7
France	296.4	265.5	254.6	67.1	53.7	70.4	74.8	74.4	63.1	-15.2	+17.5
Japan	324.6	333.7	350.4	87.8	91.1	93.8	92.5	100.5	99.9	- .6	+ 9.7
Italy	196.3	185.1	189.4	46.3	45.9	55.7	56.0	65.2	56.5	-13.4	+23.1
West Germany	153.2	142.2	153.0	37.9	36.5	41.6	43.2	42.5	39.1	- 8.0	+ 7.1
Belgium	95.1	95.1	97.9	24.7	20.2	27.2	27.8	24.3	20.9	-14.0	+ 3.5
Australia	80.7	77.1	78.3	20.4	21.2	18.8	16.7	19.0	---	---	---
Netherlands	22.9	21.5	21.4	5.1	5.0	6.6	5.8	5.0	5.3	+ 6.0	+ 6.0
Total	2,038.8	1,895.2	1,934.5	491.8	461.8	516.8	527.1	533.9	2/464.8	---	---

1/ Consumption on woolen and worsted system only.
2/ Total excludes Australia.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Economic Committee and the Bureau of the Census.

Table 19.--Production of wool and hair tops, woolen and worsted yarn, and wool woven fabrics, by specified countries, annual 1963 to 1965, by quarters, April-June 1965 to date

Country	Year			1965			1966			Percentage change	
	1963	1964	1965	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	July-Sept. 1966 to Apr.-June 1966	July-Sept. 1966 to July-Sept. 1965
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent
	Tops										
United Kingdom	304.0	265.3	247.6	62.9	57.9	63.3	63.4	60.1	53.0	-11.8	- 8.5
France	217.0	192.8	188.8	49.7	39.5	52.4	56.3	55.9	47.1	-15.8	+19.2
Japan	272.1	272.8	273.3	68.7	69.6	73.0	74.0	79.3	78.9	- .5	+13.4
Italy	121.7	109.6	117.8	27.9	28.0	36.9	36.9	43.7	39.7	- 9.2	+41.8
United States	152.2	147.3	174.7	45.2	44.8	45.4	47.6	46.4	41.3	-11.0	- 7.8
West Germany	91.3	89.1	78.4	19.8	17.4	20.8	21.3	22.3	20.9	- 6.3	+20.1
Belgium	64.0	61.7	64.8	16.7	14.1	16.8	16.4	16.2	13.3	-17.9	- 5.7
Australia	54.9	49.9	51.8	12.8	14.0	12.2	10.9	12.0	---	---	---
Uruguay	26.5	29.6	22.2	5.5	6.1	6.5	9.4	9.4	6.4	-31.9	+ 4.9
Netherlands	3.4	2.6	2.6	.6	.6	.7	.7	.5	.6	+20.0	---
Total	1,307.1	1,220.7	1,222.0	310.0	292.0	328.0	336.9	345.7	1/ 301.2	---	---
	Worsted yarn										
United Kingdom	239.0	236.3	227.0	57.3	51.3	59.3	59.4	57.6	50.5	-12.3	- 1.6
Italy	137.7	144.1	166.1	40.9	41.2	49.5	49.3	51.1	48.5	- 5.1	+17.7
France	221.6	198.3	183.6	48.1	39.2	55.3	58.1	57.9	41.0	-29.2	+ 4.6
West Germany	133.6	138.3	139.7	33.8	33.4	38.4	41.1	39.8	35.7	-10.3	+ 6.9
Japan	234.2	232.2	238.7	59.4	61.4	62.4	61.7	65.9	66.2	+ .5	+ 7.8
Belgium	94.6	86.2	94.6	24.0	21.1	26.9	28.3	27.7	22.0	-20.6	+ 4.3
Netherlands	27.3	24.5	20.8	5.3	4.7	6.4	5.7	5.1	4.9	- 3.9	+ 4.3
Australia	23.9	23.9	23.7	6.1	5.9	6.1	4.9	4.9	---	---	---
Total	1,111.9	1,083.8	1,094.2	275.0	258.2	304.3	308.5	310.0	1/ 268.8	---	---
	Woolen yarn										
United Kingdom	313.0	325.8	321.8	82.8	70.9	83.5	83.7	81.8	69.8	-14.7	- 1.6
Italy	319.6	297.3	268.2	69.5	62.3	73.9	69.3	75.1	72.8	- 3.1	+16.8
France	127.6	126.3	102.3	28.2	21.0	28.0	27.5	29.6	21.1	-28.7	+ .5
West Germany	127.8	126.5	133.1	33.8	31.3	34.4	32.4	30.5	23.4	-23.3	-25.2
Japan	118.0	118.5	103.5	27.7	27.5	25.4	22.9	27.3	28.3	+ 3.7	+ 2.9
Belgium	47.5	51.1	47.7	12.1	10.7	13.5	13.3	13.5	11.0	-18.5	+ 2.8
Netherlands	44.7	44.8	40.0	10.4	8.9	10.8	10.2	10.3	8.9	-13.6	---
Australia	27.2	29.6	30.9	8.2	8.2	7.5	6.6	8.1	---	---	---
Total	1,125.4	1,119.9	1,047.5	272.9	240.8	277.1	266.0	276.2	1/ 235.3	---	---
	Woven fabrics										
	Mil. sq. yd	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.		
United States	460.8	412.8	434.2	118.7	108.0	99.6	109.9	128.1	114.3	-10.8	+ 5.8
United Kingdom	360.5	358.3	355.8	85.2	87.0	94.6	87.8	80.3	79.0	- 1.6	- 9.2
Japan	429.7	423.1	413.7	100.3	108.6	109.4	100.4	102.0	109.1	+ 7.0	+ .5
Italy	252.7	234.1	206.5	51.6	46.5	59.9	63.1	69.9	63.6	- 9.0	+36.8
France	236.4	229.5	193.0	50.3	40.0	54.8	56.8	58.4	41.6	-28.8	+ 4.0
West Germany	177.4	174.2	185.3	45.2	45.2	50.6	47.2	47.3	47.2	- .2	+ 4.4
Netherlands	74.2	73.5	64.9	16.5	14.4	17.5	18.2	16.7	16.5	- 1.2	+14.6
Australia	36.0	35.1	34.5	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.5	8.0	---	---	---
Total	2,027.7	1,940.6	1,887.9	476.8	458.2	494.8	490.9	510.7	1/ 471.3	---	---
Belgium (Mil. lb.)	42.0	43.5	38.2	9.4	8.8	10.3	9.0	9.2	7.5	-18.5	-14.8

1/ Total excludes Australia.
Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

Table 20.--World trade in tops, woolen and worsted yarn, and exports of woolen and worsted fabric, by specified countries, annual 1963 to 1965, by quarters, April-June 1965 to date

Country	Year 1963	Year 1964	Year 1965	1965 Apr.-June	1965 July-Sept.	1965 Oct.-Dec.	1966 Jan.-Mar.	1966 Apr.-June	1966 July-Sept	July-Sept. 1966 to Apr.-June 1966	July-Sept. 1966 to July-Sept. 1965
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Pct.	Pct.
					Tops						
Exports											
United Kingdom	96.0	75.1	64.0	15.9	15.3	16.4	16.9	16.0	14.4	-10.0	- 5.9
France	53.6	53.1	59.4	15.1	13.0	16.6	17.5	16.4	12.2	-25.6	- 6.2
Uruguay	26.5	29.5	22.2	5.5	6.1	6.5	9.4	10.8	1/ 4.3	---	---
Australia	27.2	20.5	22.0	5.9	6.6	4.9	5.2	6.5	1/ 4.3	---	---
Belgium	22.2	19.8	28.5	7.8	6.3	7.5	6.6	7.7	2/	---	---
Rep. of South Africa	9.9	9.3	10.0	2.6	2.3	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.2	- 8.7	+39.1
Japan	11.5	17.2	13.2	3.7	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	-12.0	-33.3
West Germany	4.0	4.8	7.2	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.7	---	---
Argentina	10.3	11.3	5.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.6	+60.0	+23.1
Switzerland	1.0	1.0	1.1	.2	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	-50.0	-33.3
Total	262.2	241.6	232.7	59.4	56.2	61.9	64.9	66.5	(55.3)	-16.9	- 1.6
Imports											
Belgium	35.7	36.0	44.8	11.4	9.6	13.3	14.1	14.5	2/	---	---
Netherlands	21.1	18.5	16.4	4.7	3.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	3.7	-17.8	- 2.6
India	19.2	4.2	1.1	.3	.1	.3	.3	.3	2/	---	---
West Germany	16.1	20.6	22.2	6.2	4.9	5.1	6.0	7.2	6.1	-15.3	+24.5
Canada	18.0	16.4	18.0	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	2/	2/	---	---
Switzerland	13.5	14.7	12.0	2.8	2.6	3.3	4.3	3.5	3.1	-11.4	+19.2
Italy	23.9	23.3	19.3	4.4	5.9	5.1	4.1	3.0	1/ 2.1	---	---
Greece	10.0	7.8	10.5	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.7	3.2	2/	---	---
Japan	10.8	5.3	3.0	.7	.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	---	+44.4
Sweden	6.1	5.8	5.5	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	.8	-33.3	-42.9
France	5.5	4.3	5.3	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.1	-31.3	---
United States	6.4	3.1	8.1	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.3	2.8	2.3	-17.9	---
Denmark	4.0	3.3	2.6	.7	.6	.7	.8	.6	.6	---	---
Norway	4.0	3.7	3.0	.7	.6	.8	1.4	.3	.7	+133.3	+16.7
United Kingdom	3.6	2.2	1.8	.5	.5	.5	.8	.6	.5	-16.7	---
Irish Republic	2.5	3.0	2.6	.6	1.0	.4	.9	1.0	1/ .9	---	---
Total	200.4	172.2	176.2	44.6	43.0	47.6	52.5	(50.3)	(45.0)	-10.5	+ 4.7
					Yarns						
Exports											
France	61.8	50.7	53.8	15.1	12.7	14.4	12.5	11.6	14.1	+21.6	+11.0
Belgium	52.6	54.1	57.5	14.3	12.9	15.9	15.6	18.2	3/ 4.8	---	---
United Kingdom	33.7	32.1	30.2	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.5	6.4	-14.7	-13.5
Italy	20.8	22.9	28.6	7.8	7.8	7.4	5.8	7.1	5.9	-16.9	-24.4
Japan	16.4	19.7	20.6	4.9	5.8	6.3	6.2	9.4	7.6	-19.2	+31.0
Netherlands	15.7	14.4	13.0	3.0	3.4	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.5	- 5.4	+ 2.9
West Germany	7.3	7.7	8.4	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.0	- 9.1	-16.7
Austria	4.9	4.5	5.0	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.5	-16.7	+15.4
Switzerland	5.2	5.2	4.4	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	-15.4	+10.0
Total	218.4	211.3	221.5	56.7	54.7	60.5	55.6	62.8	(58.5)	- 6.9	+ 6.9
Imports											
West Germany	77.4	70.6	76.7	20.3	18.0	20.7	19.1	19.8	15.4	-22.2	-14.5
Netherlands	29.7	27.4	26.2	6.8	5.9	7.7	7.6	8.0	6.5	-18.8	+10.2
Belgium	14.9	14.9	14.7	4.1	3.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	3/ 1.3	---	---
Sweden	10.3	7.7	6.9	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	+ 6.7	+ 6.7
Switzerland	5.4	4.8	4.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	.8	1.0	1.0	---	---
Denmark	9.8	9.9	11.0	2.8	2.6	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	-10.0	+ 3.8
United Kingdom	5.4	5.2	3.5	1.0	.8	.9	.9	1.1	1.0	- 9.1	+25.0
Austria	7.4	7.5	7.3	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.6	2.0	1.6	-20.0	- 5.9
United States	9.6	7.9	11.3	2.6	3.3	3.4	2.9	4.4	3.8	-13.6	+15.2
Norway	3.1	2.8	2.1	.4	.5	.8	.7	.7	.7	---	+40.0
Canada	4.8	4.8	3.0	.8	.7	.8	.8	.8	2/	---	---
Irish Republic	4.5	5.3	3.3	1.0	.8	.8	.7	.6	.7	+16.7	-12.5
Total	182.3	168.8	170.2	44.4	40.3	47.8	43.9	47.4	(39.5)	-16.7	- 2.0
					Fabrics						
Exports											
Italy	106.2	105.3	117.0	30.8	39.9	31.5	23.6	38.4	39.7	+ 3.4	- .5
United Kingdom	47.6	47.8	48.6	12.3	13.2	12.2	11.2	10.7	11.6	+ 8.4	-12.1
Belgium	28.5	26.3	15.2	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	3/ 1.2	---	---
Japan	17.7	21.7	27.0	6.5	6.8	7.3	6.6	5.7	6.2	+ 8.8	- 8.8
Netherlands	12.3	12.4	13.0	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	---	- 7.9
France	14.6	13.5	13.0	3.0	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.9	4.6	+17.9	+17.9
West Germany	7.2	6.7	7.6	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.9	+26.1	+26.1
Switzerland	3.0	3.1	3.4	.9	1.0	.9	.9	1.0	1.1	+10.0	+10.0
Austria	2.6	2.7	2.0	.5	.6	.5	.4	.9	1.1	+22.2	+83.3
Total	239.7	239.5	246.8	62.6	75.0	65.2	55.2	70.7	(74.8)	+ 5.8	- .3

1/ Two months only. 2/ Not available, estimate included in total. 3/ One month only.

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